

### CPLS Vision

Cair Paravel-Latin School aspires to become the premier classical Christian, liberal arts school in America.

### CPLS Mission

To cultivate classically trained, life-long learners, committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, who will enrich their community and God's kingdom.



# he Lamp Post

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## Senior Auction Raises Big Bucks

The April 16th Senior Auction raised nearly \$2000 for senior projects.

That's the word from CPLS counselor Melody Congdon.

The seniors' services were auctioned off to the highest bidder--usually a group of students from the 7-11th grades, who pooled their money to buy their favorite senior.

A typical service provided by the seniors would be to take the entire group of students to lunch on the target date of Friday, April 20.

Mrs. Congdon was encouraged by the amount of money raised this year.

"This is the biggest class ever to go through Cair Paravel, and the bids were high," Congdon said.

In the past, senior auction money went to pay for the cost of graduation ceremonies, and the remainder of the funds has been donated to special projects.

Those past projects have included a new scoreboard for the gym, new paint for the hallways, and even the "Nevada Fall" picture that hangs in the hall near the teacher's workroom.

"We had great participation and every class ended up buying the services of someone," Congdon added.



Auctioneer Mr. Mike Henry points to a bidder for senior Brianne Clark during the April 16th Senior Auction.

## Mulling Over Moliere?

Tickets are on sale at the door of the CPLS Stone Table Theater for tonight's opening performance of Moliere's *The Miser*.

The play was written by Moliere, a 17th-century French playwright and director, who was the founder of the French national theater.

*The Miser* (Kyle Myers) is an old man who loves money. His son, Cleante (Nick Higgins) loves Mariane (Kelly Copp). However, during the play, Harpagon falls for Mariane but loses his moneybox.

The plot is not hard to follow. Even little Ilia Williams, 4-year old daughter of Brian and Kim Williams, could figure it out.

"The whole play is about him caring more about money than about people," Ilia said.

The cast includes Cassie Remington as Elise, Ryan Hood as Valere, Jarod Hay as Anselme, and Sydney Doel as Frosine. Laurel Sutton appears a Maitre Simon, Andrew Waldy is Maitre Jacques, Sasha Greer plays Brindavoine, and Nicole Koopman is La Merluche.

*The Miser* will also be presented Saturday, April 21, and Friday and Saturday April 27 and 28th. Tickets are \$6 for floor seats and \$4 for balcony seats.

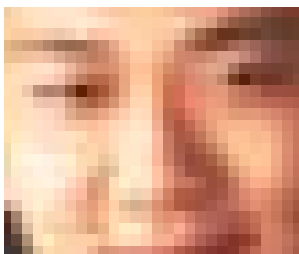


Valere (Ryan Hood) and Elise (Cassie Remington) bring back 17th century France in *The Miser*.

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# Opinion

## Come On, Al, Get Real!

by Chris Cantrell

Most of America is ignorant of the truth of Al Gore's documentary *The Inconvenient Truth*. The truth is that roughly 98% of CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) that is released into the atmosphere is from natural gas releases from the earth.

What Mr. Gore is playing on is the 2% of carbon dioxide that is within the realm of human control. His movie claims that automobiles (and gasoline) are responsible for melting the polar ice caps. The jury is still out on that one. But how do we get to school if we can't fill up with regular unleaded?

Scientists are experimenting with alternative fuel sources to make cars more efficient. The so-called Green movement urges us daily to move to E85 ethanol, diesel fuel, hydrogen and electric hybrids to fuel our cars instead of gasoline, but a switch in our fuel supply is not likely in the near future.

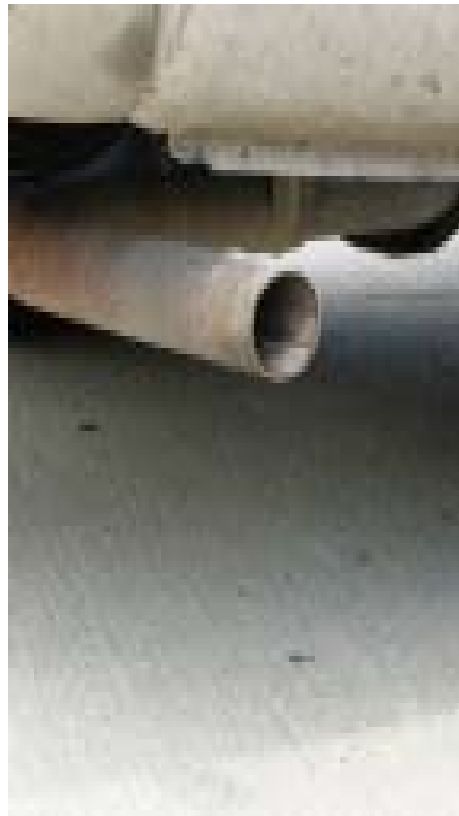
E85 Ethanol, an alcohol-based fuel, is not good because of transportation issues, such as water getting into the fuel, and safety issues. Diesel lasts longer than gasoline but diesel vehicles are loud, stinky and require

noise dampering and emissions control.

I have one word about hydrogen-powered cars: Hindenburg. If there's a spark, you could lose a whole block in an explosion.

For now, electric hybrid vehicles seem the most feasible. The only problem is that nickel-zinc batteries don't last long, and nickel and zinc are rising in cost. Lithium ion batteries will last a while and get you far, but each battery costs more than \$200,000. That's not sitting well with me.

For now be content with gasoline, so get over the melting icecaps, they'll freeze back over.



Could this tailpipe soon be a thing of the past? If Al Gore has his way, the carbon emissions that allegedly cause global warming will be done away with. We soon will be riding in fuel-efficient cars, biking to school, or walking to our next night out.

Be Careful Little Lips What You Say

## The Walls Have Ears

While walking the halls of CPLS recently, I chanced upon a few words that made my neck hair stand on end.

One senior high school student was telling one of her friends about her weekend.

"Oh, my \*\*\*!", she shrieked.

Her friend giggled, "That scared the \*\*\*\* out of me, too!"

What's wrong with this picture?

For a minute, I thought I was lost. Was I still at Cair Paravel, the school that prides itself on turning out students with character? Or had Scotty transported me into a bad Valley Girl movie?

It seems to me that people judge us, rightly or wrongly, by the words we use. Is it appropriate to use the Lord's name in a way that devalues His honor? Should we be spewing forth words that are vulgar?

There's nothing wrong with those words, you say. People use those words all the time, you say. They don't mean anything bad, you say.

Sure, if you say so. I would hope that by the time CPLS students reach high school, they would be able to come up with better words than \*\*\* or \*\*\*\* or using the Lord's name in vain. It's OK to express emotion, but emotion doesn't have to include profanity or vulgarity. Let's do a better job with what we say.

## Quote of the Month

*"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."*

*-Mark Twain*

### The Lamp Post

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# Know Your Seniors

Jessica Toth calls herself an intricate member of this year's senior class.

Jessica's laughter and enthusiasm for learning have made her a favorite of her teachers and peers alike.



She enjoys singing, playing volleyball, chatting with friends about dinosaurs, and learning chemistry.

Jessica looks forward to continuing her education at the University of Kansas next Fall.

Alan Wan has been going to CPLS for 13 years.



Alan says he likes solving the Rubic's cube and watching Chinese soap operas.

His main ambition in life includes becoming a chess grand-

master.

In the fall Alan plans to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Judah Wayman has attended Cair Paravel since the 6th grade.

Judah has played football for the Lions since 8th grade, and started for four years on the varsity team.



He enjoys playing poker in his spare time, and his favorite movie is "Batman Begins."

After he graduates Judah plans to attend Washburn and major in Pre-Medicine or Nursing.



Mrs. Becky Greene introduces the Junior High Large Ensemble at the MAACS festival in Kansas City. The group, made up of 7th and 8th graders, brought home a 1 rating and a 1st place trophy.

## Students Artistic to the MAACS

Cair Paravel students from 5-12 grades came to the MAACS festival, saw what they had to do, and conquered by bringing home a number of trophies from the March 15-16 event.

Christa Packard, Amanda Nigus, and Emily Zurbuchen finished 1st in Sr. High academic categories. The Sr. High Large Vocal Ensemble took 1st, as did the Classical Piano duo of Andrew Lippe and Jaron Marcus.

On the Jr. High side, Parker Robb finished 1st in two academic categories, T.J. Waldy won the Spelling Bee, and Dylan French took the prize in Religious Reading. Robb also finished 1st in Printmaking and Instrumental String Solo. Waldy was 1st in Polychromatic Drawing, and Christi Fabert 1st in Monochromatic Drawing. Both the Large Vocal Ensemble and the Large Instrumental Ensemble were judged the best in their categories.

In the Elementary School competition March 22-23, Justin Currence, Rachel Orr, Tyler Brown, Josh Musa, and Megan Lilley came home with 1st place trophies.

# "Do You Want Catsup With Those Fries?"

by Chris Cantrell "The Food Guy"

According to urban legend, the era of American fast food began in California in the mid-1950s.

McDonalds became known for producing low-cost, quick-filling, high-fat meals that Americans have come to love.



On the plus side, the Golden Arches are usually semi-clean and always busy at meal time. Who hasn't used their drive-through for breakfast and lunch at some point in their lives?

However, the saying, "You get what you pay for," has some relevance here. Gourmet food and McDonalds are usually not mentioned in the same sentence. With McDonald, you get fast food cheap (and sometimes a queasy stomach).

Although McDonalds has tried to diversify with salads and McRib's, a steady diet of the basic menu could make you as big as Michael Moore, the controversial producer of "Super-size Me."

So be on your guard. I give McDonalds 1 of 5 napkins.

## Bring the Syrup

CPLS students are encouraged to attend tomorrow's Pancake Feed.

Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased in the office or at the door of the cafeteria.

In addition, a number of themed baskets will be auctioned off.

The money raised will be set aside to create a scholarship fund to help needy students attend Cair Paravel.

## Picture of the Month



Sarah Powell demonstrates her unique way of making an entry pass on the soccer field.



Nicole Koopman rushes the net to nudge a shot dropped by the goalie into the net in the Lady Lion's 5-1 defeat of Highland Park.

# Lions Even Record With Win Over Fire

By Ben Iliff

The Lady Lions soccer squad raised its record to 5-5 this week after wins over Highland Park and Word of Life.

They started out the season with 10-0 pasting of Sunrise Academy, a team they beat 9-0 a few weeks later.

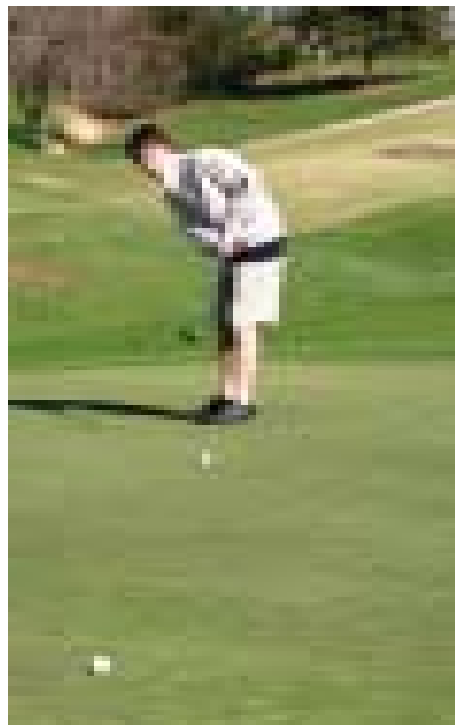
Against rugged 3A, 4A and 5A competition, the Lady Lions struggled. After successes over lesser foes, they fell to Basehor-Linwood, Seaman, Lansing, and Maranatha Academy.

"I have been dissappointed with some of the loses that we should of won," said new head coach Brian Williams.

Senior Rebecca Armfield, who has signed a letter of intent with Mid-America Nazarene College, leads the team on defense.

"Where the team fails Becca picks up the slack," noted fellow senior Hannah Kaff.

This week, CPLS picked up victories over the Highland Park Scots and the Word of Life Fire.



Freshman Casey Bettis puts for par at the Lake Perry Golf Tournament. Bettis medalled by shooting a 43.

## Scoreboard

### Girls Varsity Soccer (5-5)

|      |    |                   |   |
|------|----|-------------------|---|
| CPLS | 10 | Sunrise Academy   | 0 |
| CPLS | 2  | Basehor-Linwood   | 5 |
| CPLS | 5  | Christ Prep       | 0 |
| CPLS | 2  | DeSoto            | 4 |
| CPLS | 0  | Seaman            | 7 |
| CPLS | 0  | Lansing           | 3 |
| CPLS | 1  | Maranatha Academy | 5 |
| CPLS | 9  | Sunrise Academy   | 0 |
| CPLS | 5  | Highland Park     | 1 |
| CPLS | 8  | Word of Life      | 0 |

### Girls JV Soccer (2-3-1)

|      |   |                   |   |
|------|---|-------------------|---|
| CPLS | 0 | Basehor-Linwood   | 1 |
| CPLS | 5 | Christ Prep       | 2 |
| CPLS | 0 | DeSoto            | 0 |
| CPLS | 0 | Seaman            | 5 |
| CPLS | 0 | Lansing           | 2 |
| CPLS | 1 | Maranatha Academy | 0 |

### Boys Golf

#### Jefferson Co. West Tournament

|              |            |    |
|--------------|------------|----|
| Casey Bettis | 6th Place  | 43 |
| Jaron Marcus | 7th Place  | 46 |
| Jarod Hay    | 12th Place | 48 |

#### Olathe Christian Tournament

|              |           |    |
|--------------|-----------|----|
| Casey Bettis | 4th Place | 81 |
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# Golf Season is Off the Tee and Rolling

By Ben Iliff

The 2007 edition of the CPLS Golf squad hit the links in March, and has come away from the first half of the season with medals to show for their efforts.

This year's team, which is the largest in school history, consists of 2 seniors, 7 juniors, 3 sophomores, and 2 freshmen.

In the season's first meet of the year, freshman Casey Bettis battled the wind and chill of the Lake Perry Golf Course to shoot a 9-hole total of 43, which was good enough for a 6th place medal. Juniors Jaron Marcus and Jarod Hay finished 7th and 12th, respectively.

Bettis also finished 4th in the Olathe Christian Tournament with an 81 for 18 holes.

"I'm really looking forward to this season. We are looking to take state," Coach Todd Fisher said.